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"It's unfortunate that they (voters) thought neither of us were qualified."

Jenjy Henko
ECSU Academic Director elect
On reflecting on the 125 abstentions for that position in last week's election.

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Meeker wins underwhelming mandate

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"WHO TOLD YOU THAT... I VOTED FOR THE DOOD. I DON'T KNOW WHY HE DIDN'T WIN."

Election fever: the Blind Duck Pub was the scene for many happy and unhappy people - a lot of screaming, hugging, and jumping. But, for those that did not vote the right way, the tough guys took care of them. This poor fellow got his legs and arms broken for not supporting the right candidate.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

RETURN OF LATE NIGHT BUS

SAC-Erindale has announced that it will run a late night shuttle bus from the St. George Campus to Erindale on a trial basis. The shuttle will leave from in front of the Medical Sciences Building every week night at 10:15 pm for an undetermined trial period until the feasibility of a permanent service can be established.

BIG BUCKS TO COUNT

It has been revealed that SAC spent some $1,300 for returning clerks to count ballots for last week's SAC elections. Eight individuals were paid $15.00 per hour for eleven hours. This does not include salaries for Chief Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officers. Returning clerks at ECSU were paid only $6.00 per hour. SAC President Bill Gardner says that the clerks were paid so highly, "to ensure that they stayed until the count was finished."

ECSU'S REFERENDA PASSED

The referenda held during last week's ECSU elections all came out in ECSU's favour. Both ECSU By-law revisions passed with close to eighty per cent of the "yes" vote. The ECSU fees increase of $2.50 was passed by students by a narrow nine vote margin. This last required two consecutive re-counts and a third which was scrutinized by ***medium II.***

TOIKE RESURFACES

The much condemned Engineering Society humour publication the *Toike Oike* has published its first issue since ceasing publication after the infamous October 10 issue. Observers have said that the new and improved *Toike* is far less offensive than earlier editions, but that the humour it contains is still a required taste.

EDITORIAL TIE UP

An unprecedented tie in the ***medium II*** election for Editor-in-Chief held last Friday, has forced the paper's Board of Directors to hold a second polling for the position. The candidates, News Editor Maura Crowther and Production Manager Norman Saunders each received eleven votes. Three of the eligible voters failed to cast their ballots. CRO and current Editor-in Chief Steve Satchel says that if all eligible voters come out on Friday or send written proxies by Wednesday at 5pm there should be no tie. Elections for all other editorial positions will also be held on Friday.

STUDENT PROTESTS FIRED PROF

Erindale Science student Antonella Morra has submitted a letter to Peter Silcox, Dean of Social Sciences over the dismissal of Sociology Prof C.S. Milner. Morra wrote Silcox that Milner, "encourages the student to formulate his/her own thoughts concerning a topic." Silcox could not be reached for comment on the matter.

Blattberg, Honey take SAC

by Maura Crowther

Despite clear opposition from the majority of Erindale voters, the Charles Blattberg/Kristin Honey SAC Presidential ticket was able to sweep the University with 1,200 votes over the 997 garnered by Erindale favourites Tom Brown and Alan O'Hanlon. Brown and O'Hanlon were closely followed by Chris Thiesenhausen and John Albers who took 987 votes and were trailed by the Jill Lawless/David South Socialist Action Slate which collected 521 votes university-wide.

At Erindale Lawless and South came out ahead of the Thiesenhausen/Albers team with 77 votes to their 35. O'Hanlon and Brown got support from 297 Erindale voters to Blattberg and Honey's 206.

Vice President-elect Honey feels that her ticket lost support at Erindale due to Blattberg's controversial plan to build a tunnel under the dangerous Queen's Park Crescent crosswalk. Says Honey, "I think a lot of people were misinformed about the tunnel issue and that cost us a number of votes." Honey said further that, "Al worked a good hard campaign and he's had a very high profile at Erindale this year." Honey admits that she and Blattberg could have made a greater effort at Erindale but concedes that getting support from downtown was a priority in their campaign.

Every SAC referendum question involving an increase in fees of any kind drew a decisive "no" vote from students in last week's election. The only exception was the Women's Centre funding referendum which will leave next year's SAC executive with more controversy and less hope of a resolution to the situation than existed last year.

Students voted 1,645 in favour of no funding at all for the Centre, while 1,131 said that it should be eligible for Project Aid grants and 1,030 agreed with the idea of base funding for all of the Women's Centre's operations.

According to current SAC President Bill Gardner, the referendum's results will give next year's SAC executive, "no mandate whatsoever" to make a decision on Women's Centre funding.

Says Gardner, "I'm not really sure what the results mean. The majority of students are in favour of some kind of funding, but there's a plurality against any funding at all." Gardner blames the confusing result on the ambiguity of the question itself which was drafted by St. Mike's SAC rep Peter Devlin. Kristin Honey, who herself voted in favour of Devlin's three-tiered question, says that, "the board has been paralyzed too long by this issue."

SAC VP-elect Kristin Honey.

Noting that the results of the referendum are not binding for next year's board, Honey said that they would be used as a survey of student opinion of the Women's Centre.

Honey says that she would support another, less ambiguous referendum on the Women's Centre to be held next year and will also look further into the possibility of Project Aid funding.

TAs are back in class as strike ends

by Tom Kelly

Students will be relieved to note that their Teaching Assistants will be back on the job this week. The 2, 400 TAs settled their grievances with the University administration last Thursday and signed a new contract which accomodates most of the demands for which they struck.

CUEW Spokesperson Stephen Guy-Bray said that both sides were anxious to reach a quick settlement when negotiations began last Thursday.

"A strike of any longer than two weeks might have seriously jeopardized the rest of the academic year."

The TAs are therefore urging faculty to refrain from penalizing students who failed to submit assignments during the strike.

The University's concessions included:

- the right to grieve "unfair" hiring practices
- a two year initial appointment for TAs at the doctoral level
- one month maternity leave
- no salary penalty for those TAs who participated in the strike.
- wage and salary concessions

Rushdie criticised

by Paul Paradine

Abdullah Hakim spoke last Wednesday to Erindale students concerning the controversial novel *The Satanic Verses* by British author Salman Rushdie.

Hakim, a University of Toronto student majoring in African history, related the novel to the larger question of freedom of expression in Islam and in Canada.

In dealing with the issue of freedom of expression, however, Hakim left himself open to criticism for his condemnation of a novel written by a Muslim in a democratic society.

Although Hakim explained quite thoroughly and fluently the reasons behind Islamic outrage over *The Satanic Verses*, his argument failed to justify, in Western terms, the Iranian call for the author's death. When one adamant questioner asked Hakim how he could lecture on freedom of expression but also condone the death sentence of Rushdie, Hakim replied, "but I also believe in justice."

Despite this shortcoming, Hakim gave some interesting insight on the feelings of Muslims over the alleged heresies contained in *The Satanic Verses*.

"The novel is supposedly fiction, yet it uses real people, real institutions, and real people held dear in Muslim faith," said Hakim. "The main character of the book has received a name which means 'Mohammed the Devil'."

"But more important, the novel offends Muslim sensibilities, it is blasphemous, ignorant, profane and malicious."

According to Hakim, the problem concerning the entire controversy is that non-Muslims fail to do proper research into the feelings of Muslims over *The Satanic Verses*. "Muslims are frustrated at Western scholars who read the novel, and without even consulting Muslim intellectuals as to why we are upset, condemn our outrage."

For a review of Salman Rushdie's book, turn to the Arts Section

Hey there! Goin' to

Paddy's Penny Pub

March 17
The Blind Duck
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Cost: 1¢ plus a can of food for *food Path Peel.*

Meeker will lead ECSU Council lacking dimension

by Steve Satchel

President-elect Perry Meeker will lead ECSU into the 1990's with a council consisiting of eleven men and one woman.

Former ECSU President Richard Gray said of this year's race "I'm surprised at the large number of candidates and equally disappointed that the large number didn't translate into better quality candidates."

880 votes were cast in the elections, a ten per cent decrease from last year's turnout.

Meeker fought off attempts by Connie Arruda and Derrick Hempel to claim the presidential position. The current VP Finance captured 49% of the vote.

Hempel who scored 177 votes, summed up his campaign,"One hundred and seventy-seven votes is not bad for someone who did not run a campaign. It shows you how stupid the whole thing is."

Among the members of Meeker's new Council will be a lone female--Jenjy Henko as Academic Director. Meeker admitted some reservation about the sexual imbalance of his new council in stating that "council will lack a certain dimension."

Another dimension lacking on council is expertise. Henko and opponent Sean McKenny, for example, came under heavy fire at last week's ECSU forum from current Academic Director Pat Cahill and others for being ill-informed about their position.

The fact that there were 125 abstentions - 14% of the total vote for Academic Director suggests that Cahill's sentiments were widely shared.

Said Henko, "It's unfortunate that they (student voters) thought neither of us were qualified. But I'll do my damndest."

There were two recounts for positions of Academic Director which Henko eventually won by 26 votes.

Henko sees her job as a special one due to the fact that she will be the only female on Council.

"I'll have to work twice as hard for all females. It's something that I never expected."

Emotions ran high at the announcement of ECSU election results last Thursday.

Another major surprise in this year's election was the strong showing of VP Finance candidate Brian Cohen, who lost to John Hamilton by a margin of just 141 votes. Cohen ran an anti-acclamation campaign, promising to resign if elected so that students could have a real choice. "I think my 39% showing at the polls should tell ECSU that students are demanding a choice when candidates are acclaimed."

Pat Cahill agreed with Cohen, noting at this week's ECSU Council meeting that, "next year's Council might want to consider extending the nomination period if there's only one candidate."

It is Cohen's contention that all acclaimed candidates should be subject to an accept/reject vote. ECSU was presented with such a suggestion earlier this year, and although current ECSU president Gianni Ciufo supported the reform, it was rejected by Council.

"I think all the abstentions indicate the usefulness (for such a mechanism)," said Ciufo.

ECSU Election Results

PRESIDENT		
Perry Meeker	433	49%
Connie Arruda	249	28%
Derrick Hempel	177	20%
VP ADMINISTRATION		
Paul Gordon		Acclaimed
VP FINANCE		
John Hamilton	469	54%
Brian Cohen	328	38%
ASSISTANT FINANCE		
Hitesh Gosai		Acclaimed
ACADEMIC		
Jenjy Hanko	389	44%
Sean McKenny	363	41%
SPECIAL PROJECTS		
Jim Hurst		Acclaimed
CLUB		
Bart Arsenault	436	53%
Dave Cassar	244	30%
John Fil	137	17%
UNIVERSITY LIAISON		
Sven Spengemann		Acclaimed
PUBLIC RELATIONS		
Lloyd Aning	393	44%
Richard Kalendra	232	26%
Krys Salvador	191	22%
SOCIAL		
Simon Gilmartin		Acclaimed
ADVERTISING AND EMPLOYMENT		
Michael Olah	523	59%
Vernon Warren	282	32%
SPONSORSHIP AND PROMOTIONS		
Frank Falcone	452	51%
Kevin Krestinski	197	22%
Dave Hurme	159	18%

Status clause wins support

by Steve Satchel

Efforts to proceed with the implemetation of academic requirements for ECSU directors are now under way as a result of last week's referendum on the Student Status Clause.

The alteration, which stated that "all members of ECSU Council...shall be considered in good Academic Standing," and if "he ceases to remain to be in good academic standing" shall vacate office, recieved 78% approval of students.

Current ECSU president Gianni Ciufo was pleased with the development and intends to seek ratification of the by-law through ECC and Governing Council as soon as possible.

Already, however, the proposal may face opposition. David Neelands, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, has indicated that he is opposed to the by-law because it violates the principle of open access for all students.

Neelands, however, has not officially stated that he will attempt to block the reform.

Ciufo is adamant that "it is a fight to be fought and a fight to be won," if Neelands should oppose the by-law reform.

Of greater concern to Cuifo, however, is the ambiguity surrounding the position of ECSU President-elect Perry Meeker on the issue.

According to Ciufo, and ECSU directors Paul Gordon and Julie Vespi, Meeker has said that if the alteration is not complete by the end of Cuifo's term that Meeker, who opposes the change on the same grounds as Neelands, may not push for its implementation.

Gordon, who was acclaimed VP Administration for 1989-90, told ***medium II*** that, "When Perry made his speech (at the forum) he said 'Let the students decide' Now he's saying he's against it. Perry is very stuck in his ways, but I intend to fight for it."

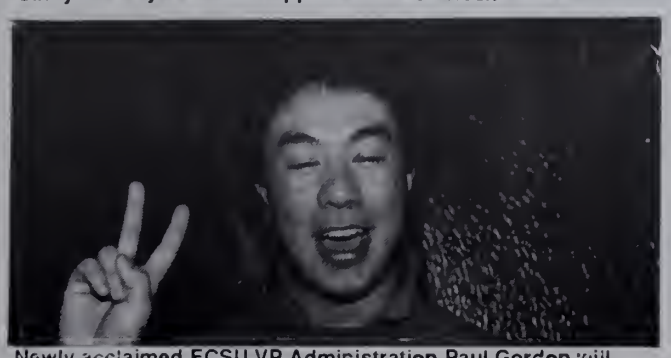
When contacted by ***medium II*** Meeker denied that he would work to obstruct the by-law reform.

Cindy Lee is another ECSU director who has been a vociferous opponent to the Student Status Clause. Lee, who herself was under academic suspension for the better part of this year, said that she was, "disappointed that it went through. People on academic probation are not the majority but they do represent a large part of the student body. ECSU is supposed to represent all students." Lee said she will support efforts by David Neelands to block the implementation of the new rules.

Nancy Ingram, however, who was also an ECSU director under academic probation three years ago, believes that the new by-law is a good one.

"It's the best thing that could have happened. I was so involved on ECSU that I ended up being on suspension the year after. Now school is going great. I've re-established my priorites. I was the perfect case I guess."

Cindy Lee says she will support efforts to block status



Newly acclaimed ECSU VP Administration Paul Gordon will support the new director status clause

PERSPECTIVE

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Welcome to the world's most uptight newspaper. I am glad some of you have kept your wits about you. Special thanks to Derrick for helping out when everyone else abandoned me. God I just love designing ads at two o'clock in the morning. I've got cravings for chocolate ice cream and a MacIntosh SE. The verdict is only a week away. Hopefully by then the tidal wave of tension shall have past. I don't know about the rest of you but I am *really* getting silly this Friday. Then it is on to the final drive of academic hell and a few fluff issues. Fucking A, eh?

PADDY'S PENNY PUB !

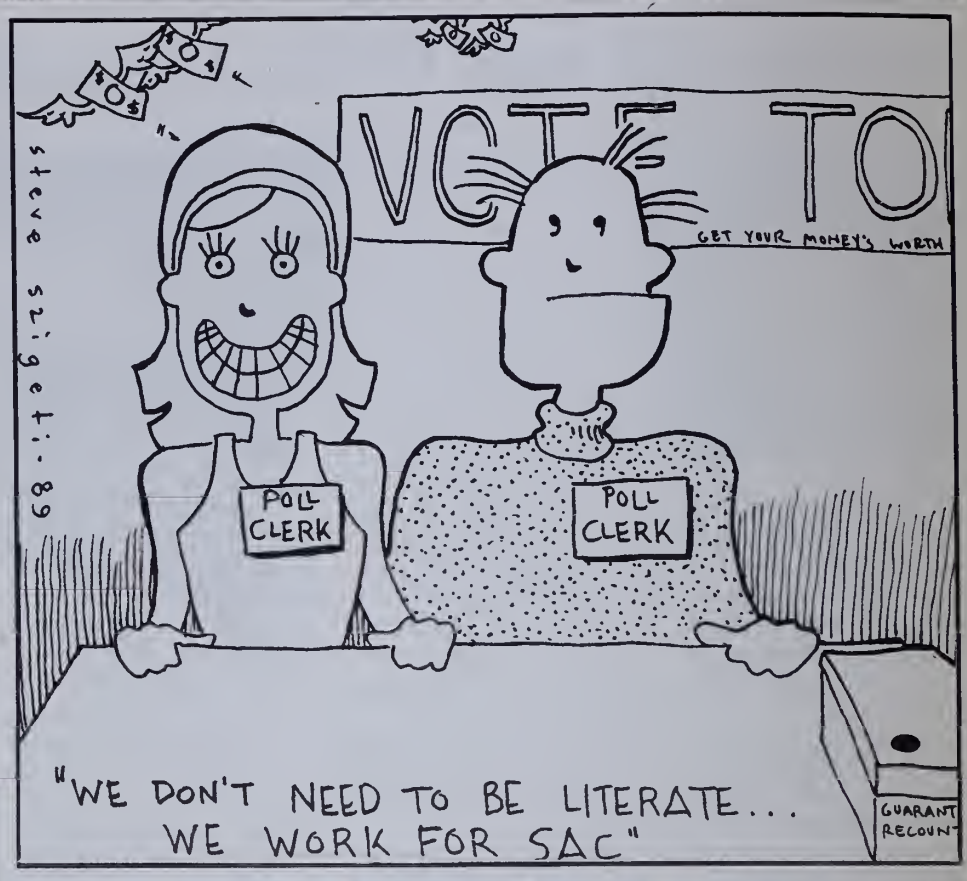
Talking Heads

What is your favourite section of ***medium II*** and why?

Bob Holmes
"Sports. I follow ball hockey I like to see how the teams are doing."

Lee Fitzpatrick
"Talking Heads. I like to hear other people's opinions, to see if theya re like my own."

Mary Careth
"Sports : Because I was in it.""



A light at the end of the tunnel?

As the temperatures begin to rise, the ground hogs emerge, and hand holding becomes more widespread, a sense of optimism and relief affects all but the most cynical of minds.

In that spirit Erindalians have some cause to look forward to the future.

For one thing the students have elected arguably the most stubborn ECSU president in that organisation's history. This is of course, good and bad. The good thing is that a forceful leader will be necessary for such an inexperienced and, one might argue, inept council. It is also a good thing that we finally have an ECSU president who is prepared to stand up to SAC. Perry Meeker has vowed to push for a better deal for the suburban campuses or initiate withdrawal.

Yet if all goes well Meeker's threats will not have to be carried out. At long last Erindale has a SAC VP who will be the final authority on budget preparations.

The Blattberg/Honey ticket has also made some indication that they intend to reform SAC. It is imperative, however, that they do not merely concern themselves with staffing reform and spending mechanisms. What they must realise is that leadership requires vision. A truly viable SAC must be one that adequately represents all three campuses. The best way it can do this is to lobby - a function that it has all but forfeited under current External Commissioner Tom Brown who has been more concerned about internal reform.

SAC has been reluctant to give Erindale more money directly largely because of the ineptitude of SAC-Erindale. That organisation has wasted money on such frivolities as free donuts to voters. It has also been terrified of organising any kind of major event, with the exception of David Suzuki, without the assistance of ECSU. That being the case it would make sense of SAC to do away with the Erindale and Scarborough committees and give direct funding to ECSU and SCSC, both of which have far better track records than the SAC pseudo-councils. SAC needs to decentralise if it will ever succeed. This, combined with a strong council of college presidents, and a guarantee of one Commissioner position per campus would amount to serious reform.

Students can also be happy with the relative retreat of the Blattberg/Honey tunnel proposal. They are now content with a feasibility study which will cost about $1 500. Still a waste, yes, but a far cry from the original idea of using SAC's $300 000 surplus for the project.

And just when one was convinced that SAC does absolutely nothing for Erindale there is approval of a laser centre and the return of the late-night shuttle bus finally occurs.

Finally, the ending of the TA strike with a reasonable settlement, and the promise of up to one million more dollars for Erindale's Breakthrough campaign completely devastates the cynical mind. It might just be springtime optimism, but it seems that there is change in the air.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Section Editors' Forum
Wednesday
March 15 at noon

Editorial Elections
March 17 10:00- 5:00pm

Paddy's Penny Pub
March 17 8:00 pm

General Meeting
April 5
Council Chambers
2:00 pm

Acid rain finally getting American attention

Edward Kachur
Guest Columnist

Canada's efforts to control acid rain will not be successful in isolation. A formal agreement between Canada and the United States to set a date and targets for acid rain emissions reductions is needed.

This is an old message that has received some new life recently. The push for acid rain controls is finally becoming a political reality in the United States, as Alex Manson Environment Canada's Acid Rain Director puts it "the clean up debate now turns on how much, how quickly, and who pays."

Even the dinosaurs like West Virginian Congressman Rick Rahall and Bob Wise, are dropping their long standing opposition the acid rain bill.

What is even more encouraging is that there is support further up the political ladder. William Reilly, the new administrator of the EPA (Enviromental Protection Agency) and Senate majority leader George Mitchell of Maine recently promised an acid rain bill. Finally, and most importantly, George Bush has vowed to cut acid rain emissions.

Why the sudden change? Maybe people are becoming aware of the drastic effects of acid rain. The maiming effects of acid rain can be seen throughout the lake ecosystem. Two hundred and forty lakes in Ontario are already dead as a result of acid rain and it is predicted that 48 500 lakes in Ontario alone will succumb to acid rain over the next two decades if immediate action is not taken.

The fishery, tourism, agriculture and forestry resources are all at risk. Architectural, surface, and statuary damage is costing the US $2 billion annually.

Probably the most devastating figure was revealed by Ontario's Environment Minister Jim Bradley who stated 40 000 to 100 000 Americans die as a result of acid rain every year.

Will a new president and government in the US actually join Canada in the fight against acid rain? Canadians can only hope that US president George Bush and the United States will read our lips: no more foot dragging.

Time is not on our side.

OPINION

Fairies and leprachauns must be up to much mischief

Spring is in the Erindale air and some very wierd and wonderful things are happening both here and in the real world. Bruce Cockburn's If a tree falls is *number two* in the top thirty video rotation on Much Music.

Seeing as it's the week of St. Patrick's Day, it must be that the fairies and leprachauns are up to their mischief. Here are some examples:

In the Hague, world leaders are talking seriously about forming an environmental hit squad to police the ecologically careless and protect what's left of the ozone layer. Canada itself will impose a ban on those evil chloroflorocarbons that inhabit our fridges and air conditioners.

Joe Clark is showing some chin and opening the possibility of talks with the PLO. Nelson Riis has said that he*won't* run for the NDP leadership, so make way for Lloyd Axworthy to cross the floor and Stephen Lewis to change his mind. There are only four weeks left of classes for which I am most heartily thankful (no offense Des).

Closer to home, there's Dean Peter Silcox whose Programme Information Days demonstrate that there's at least one administrator at Erindale who takes his title, Dean of Student Services, seriously and is attempting to do something tangible for us. Last week, some ***medium II***-types attended a social function with a number of ECSU-ites *and had a good time*. Blue Rodeo is coming to Erindale.

A few months back, in the depths of a rainy cold snap, I rather harshly criticised the

people at this College for being apathetic and brain dead. I called Erindalians and U of T students in general intellectual impotents. I must, rather shamefacedly, retract my remarks at this time because my faith in the integrity and spirit of the people here has been renewed by the results of the recent student government elections.

While, for the most part, the polls have placed a typical crew of budding bureaucrats in positions of student responsibility, the election results show a few bright spots that tend to counterbalance the rest. Jill Lawless and David South's Socialist Action Slate took an amazing 521 votes away from the more mainstream candidates.

Now, granted, they came in fourth as everyone expected they would and their low-key student awareness campaign presented no serious challenge to the glossy flyers and buttons of the other three. Still, it is extremely gratifying to see that there are, across this University, 521 voting students who care enough about progressive ideas and social change to cast their lot in amongst the anointed losers.

We saw another example of students using their vote to demand change in last week's ECSU elections where Derrick Hempel, who campaigned not at all but spoke of social justice at the forum took 177 votes away from frontrunner Perry Meeker. Brian Cohen made a similar statement in his anti-acclamation campaign which garnered 39% of the vote and sent a clear message to ECSU that students demand a choice in electing their leaders.

Okay, so it's not earth shattering but it's certainly heartening to know that not everyone is brain dead and that it's possible for students to break through the barriers of hackism and make a statement for change.

Hardly surprising however, for anything can happen while Bruce Cockburn is number two on Much Music.

Maura Crowther is a mad Irishwoman who is given to having wild delusions of journalistic grandeur.

LETTERS

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Suzuki talks sense

We would like to respond to Mark Godfrey's letter regarding David Suzuki's lecture in last week's ***medium II***. Godfrey complains that Suzuki's plea to "'clean up our planet or else' is a message we have all heard before." The purpose of Suzuki's lecture was to stress the importance of environmental awareness in a society that is for the most part scientifically illiterate. Godfrey has failed to realize that Dr. Suzuki has done more for the environmental movement as a great spokesperson and teacher than he would ever do as a politician. His ability to speak with such conviction on one specific issue would be compromised if he became a politician. As a political figure, he would be lost in the political process and this would thus limit his important role as an environmental spokesperson. Currently, Dr. Suzuki is able to reach all sectors and ages of society while speaking to them about shaping the future. As a politician, he would have to deal with today's issues and concentrate less on changing the thinking of the next generation.

We must all do our part to improve the state of our planet. Dr. Suzuki cannot change the environmental damage that is present today but he is trying to change our attitudes for a better tomorrow.

Kelly Thompson, Sue Gray, Joanne DiCaro, Todd Paylor, Scott Gilland

O'Hanlon thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their hard work and effort in my campaign for SAC Vice-President. It is important for the betterment of Erindale to have good representation on the SAC executive, therefore ilwish Kristen Honey success and all the best next year. I would also like to thank the Erindale students for rallying around me; it was nice to do well at home. In particular I would like to thank Val Wolfs for his tremendous support and hard work. John Huxtable, Peter Lemoine, Steve Bennett, Marina Colautti, Cindy Lee, Nicola Carr, Sue Karda, Brent Kilner, Sven Spengemann, Chris Killeavy, Julie Vespi, Gianni Ciufo and Perry Meeker: thanks guys for your support! I had a great time and unfortuantely I must rediscover academics.

Al O'Hanlon

Education is the answer

The article on The Nature of David Suzuki failed to mention the most important message of Suzuki's lecture. He mentioned that there is one very fundamental solution to our environmental problems, and that is EDUCATION.

David Suzuki, therefore, did come up with an answer, even if no one is willing to admit it.

David Suzuki's answer is to teach the children not to make the same mistakes our parents made about taking our environment for granted. We must not let the children fall victim to the ongoing stress of the profit motive of organized society which dictates finding solutions to economic and political problems is all that life is about. As early as possible children must be taught that we rely on clean air and water to survive, and money means nothing when the heavily polluted and populated planet can no longer support the human race.

In a U of T survey over 100 students were asked whether they felt it necessary for secondary students to have the option of taking a course designed specifically to teach students about all relevant environmental issues in the secondary or post-secondary system (worth one credit). Approximately 95% agreed.

Maeve Billes

Security not tenure

I feel that a few important points need to be raised as a result of your Feb. 28 editorial "Solidarity is not for Students".

The specific issue I want to deal with is your contention that job security for TAs amount to tenure. Many graduate students at the University need the income from their TA positions for living expenses while they study for their degrees. It can take a minimum of 2 years for a Master's degree and 4 years for a Ph.D. Without job security, there is no guarantee that a graduate student can work as a TA while working towards their degree. Thus, the graduate student would be forced to find a job outside of the University, probably at a lower rate of pay. This would increase the time required for the student to complete their degree. Also, job security does not mean that unsuitable TAs would be automatically re-hired. The University currently has a TA evaluation procedure.

Another issue raised in the editorial was " academic vigour". It should be apparent that the highest quality of teaching will not come from students entering their first post-graduate degree, particularly those who are studying in a field unrelated to the course they were hired for. Those students who have been in the system for a few years have the experience necessary to provide the most insight and the best education to the undergraduate students.

Michael Lydan

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ARTS

Depeche cloned by Camouflage

Camouflage replicates Electro-pop masters and Midge Ure pulls the wool over reviewers eyes

Camouflage
Voices and Images
(WEA)

Midge Ure
Answers to Nothing
(MCA)

Aural Surgery
by Todd Kyle

Finally, a new album from Depeche Mode, and they're sounding in fine form as usual...what's that you say? This *isn't* Depeche Mode? Oh my God, you're right! Unless they've all changed their names and moved to West Germany....

At one time British electro bands were taking their inspiration from German bands like Kraftwerk, but now it's the other way around. Germans have been imitating Brit bands for years now - remember Alphaville, the band that Morrissey proclaimed "should have been drowned at birth?"

The difference, however, is that Camouflage are *good* .

Of course, people will question whether there is a need for more moody, melodic electropop in the world. Especially when this isn't much different from Depeche Mode's brand of moody, melodic electropop.

But this stuff is chalk-full of clever, subtle hooks and clever, blippy synth riffs. Just take a listen to "That Smiling Face" or the single "The Great Commandment" and you'll find there's something here to make your head spin dreamily and your toes tap uncontrollably. And if the voice gets too cold and the lyrics too pretentious at times, just remember that although they come close, they can never be the real thing.

I'm not sure whether to feel sorry for Midge Ure or bow down and worship him, to tell the truth.

He's come a long way since his previous solo LP and the breakup of Ultravox, the band he fronted throughout the eighties. Now he's become the plaintive humanitarian, the sage philosopher, the socially conscious artist, and occasionally a depressed one, which makes me wonder where the blue-eyed optimism of "If I Was" has gone.

The message is alternatively hopeful ("Dear God"), inspiring ("Take Me Home") and despairing (the title track), but always preciously serious.

But how can Ure go wrong, with his soaring voice, melodic prowess, and a bunch of spectacular guests like Level 42's Mark King, ex-Japan bassist Mick Karn, and the incomparable Kate Bush, who duets with Ure on the excellent "Sister and Brother"?

Well, you could accuse Ure of being a bit too obvious about the whole thing, of jumping on a bandwagon, even of being a bit pretentious and contrived.

But this is just so well-produced, and goes well beyond Ure's usual electro-rock into new, broader territory - there's even some acoustic guitar here.

A poser?

A prophet?

Or just an intelligent pop star?

Whatever Midge Ure is, whatever he's trying to be, he pulls it off enough to fool even *me*.

Just a note: keep your eyes and ears open for news and views of CFNY's CRTC hearing, which began yesterday.

Let's hope they stick it to "FM 102"!

XTC rejects commercialism

by Brian Cohen

XTC's latest offering, *Oranges and Lemons*, is sure to please any fan of the reclusive band. The wit and straighforward approach that characterizes their music still remains. It is not hard to understand why the quality of their albums is always excellent.

They hate touring and devote virtually all of their time to the studio.

Oranges and Lemons takes a reflective look at the human condition as we move into the 1990's.

It is clear when listening to the double album that Andy Partridge (who wrote 12 of the 15 tracks) has a keen insight into those problems which face us today.

The first single from the album complemented by a great video is "Mayor of Simpleton," a plain man's love song.

Other remarkable tracks include "Poor Skeleton Steps Out," a fun song with lyrics which yield a deeper meaning than is first apparent. "Scarecrow People" and "Merely a Man" are great and "Pink Thing" is best described as a little phallic ditty. Mark Isham's horns on "Miniature Sun" brought to mind (believe it or not) Matt Bianco!

The album has a sound much like that of 1982's *English Settlement* and the album cover is the grooviest since the band released 25 O'clock under the name of The Dukes of the Stratosphere.

XTC refuse to compromise its principles for crass commercialism, a welcome exception in an industry more often than not, the dollar "makes" the decisions.

CFRE

Top Ten Albums

For the week of March 12, 1989

1. **New Order**
   Technique (Polygram)
2. **Elvis Costello**
   Spike (WEA)
3. **The Proclaimers**
   Sunshine on Leith (MCA)
4. **Lou Reed**
   New York (WEA)
5. **Gypsy Kings**
   Gypsy Kings (Trans-Canada)
6. **Bruce Cockburn ***
   Big Circumstance (True North)
7. **Dalbello ***
   She (Capitol)
8. **Fairground Attraction**
   The First of a Million Kisses (BMG)
9. **The Fixx**
   Calm Animals
10. **Black**
    Comedy (A&M)

The complexit

by Derrick Hempel

It is often the case that writers let the strain of creation show through in their work. Their intrusions upon the abstract plane which exists between reader and text may serve to provide no insight on the relationships between words, ideas, and reader. When the cracks in creation become obvious, and the sweat of construction drips upon the flow of the text, the reader can become annoyed and turned away from the development of ideas, being distracted by the labour involved.

However, in *The Satanic Verses*, the labour put into the work is the work itself. Rushdie sends us on a quest, with a playful persona telling the story with guile and relish. However, there is no 'story' in the conventional and linear style favoured by most straight-minded persons. We are treated to leaps of imagination, landing in seemingly incongruous bogs of pseudo-historic scenery. The persona, arguably Rushdie's voice, provides us with editorial comments on the events as they unfold and there is a sense of mischief present, as if he knows he might be stirring up something big by doing something miniscule, like writing a few words on paper. Rushdie's style is exciting and full of quick satire. One might describe his work to be blessed with an imagination like Kurt Vonnegut's, stripped of American influence and replaced instead with Asian subcontinental depth.

The tale begins with two men, Gibreel Farishta and Saladin Chamcha, falling out of an exploded airplane thirty thousand feet in the air. Gibreel is an immensely popular Indian movie star who specialises in 'theologicals', while Saladin is an Anglicized Muslim from Bombay who has lived in England for twenty years, making a good living as a radio actor, his appeal to the general public limited by race.

The demand is immediately made of the reader for a willing suspension of disbelief.

Characters metamorph into goat-like devils or halo-carrying archangels. We make trips to Jahilia and see the founding of a religion and the questions raised thereby. (Is it Mecca? Well, a Wailing Wall is mentioned.)

We visit a small town in India attempts a pilgrimage to Mecca. Rac in England and India. Love blossoms kinds of places. It is, to say the le richly textured development of even ideas.

It is not a story about Islam, it persona's personal allegory of his for understanding of the human rel ship with the metaphysical qualiti good and evil. The central question text deals with humanity's journey fo knowledge, understanding, and *"What kind of an idea are you?"* R examines some of the solutions we attempted and there is a constant and lenting attack on the way things ar status quo. Rushdie paints an ugl squalid portrait of London, where m the "action" occurs. It is portray Rushdie with harsh and biting satire racial tension and lost dreams fou Rushdie's England are tempered wi sad reflections of a lost respect for a once "great" nation.

This is a many layered text. It demands a great deal of the reader. Rushdie's knowledge and use of the world's countless mythologies, legends, and religions presents us with an idea of the scope of the quest for some sort of understanding.

Rushdie is capable of constructing scenes of psychological beauty and then contrasts them with fluid flights into a dream state, where historical characters are used to aid the persona's quest for understanding. There is not a single, concentrated attack upon Islam, merely an attempt to come to terms with the hypocrisy that shapes our spiritual lives. His death scenes are precious portraits of humanity's tenuous grip on what is good and what is evil and whether or not a neutral position is even possible.

Arts Calenda

Moving Murals:From Within the Minds of Men
On the streets until April 16, 1989
In the gallery until April 1, 1989
This project by the A Space Community Arts Committee concerns the scialization of men, specifically the violent roles and attitudes that are taught mainly to boys - through the use of "war toys". A photo-montage work by Pat Jeffries and a drawing by Barbara Klunder will be reproduced on posters on the sides of TTC buses thoughout Metro. Both works, as well as a work by Sarah Denison, will be exhibited as large scale murals at A Space.
A Space, Suite 301, The Orient Building, 183 Bathurst Street, Toronto
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Let's Face It...It's March Break
March 16, 1989 to March 23, 1989
A week long series of events for all ages.
Art Gallery of Ontario, 317 Dundas Street West, Toronto.
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The Breakdown and selected sc
Jennie's Story
March 21-23, 1989 8pm
Both works, written by Diane Cav Lambert respectively, examine wo gling with the roles imposed upo society. Although quite different setting, each play highlights a wo peration when, as a rsult of explo abuse, she can no longer meet th tions of the people around her.
Tickets; $6 ($3 students and seni
UC Playhouse, 79A St. George S
978-6307, 978-6638

Benefit Comedy Night
Wednesday March 15, 1989 9pr
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Tickets; $10
Yuk Yuk's, 1280 Bay Street, Toro
480-7689

y of faith

The issue of belief is raised several times. The most significant is one of the dream sequences where Gibreel, as archangel, decides that the opposite of belief is not disbelief, but doubt. This is the doubt felt by the persona all through the book and fuels his invective attacks, constantly questioning what is. We have an examination of fanaticism by Rushdie that is coloured by his inability to understand it. He wonders at the ability of some people to "see" what has been denied to others.

The idea comes through that belief is a personal opinion and is explained by the unexplainable, much like belief is made possible by the unbelievable. The narrator of *Satanic Verses* keeps seeing something that is just over and beyond comprehension.

He doubts.

Rushdie's metaphysical voyage ebbs with the tides of doubt, sometimes approaching revelation, while moving closer at other times to spiritual suppression and loneliness. The work is to be admired.

The timeless problem of underfunding

by Steve Szentesi

George Bernard Shaw's comedy Dark Lady of the Sonnets will be performed this Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Erindale College Theatre, for the second week.

The play is performed in one act, and features a cast of four. I attended the play this past Saturday night, and was struck by the companies enthusiasm and talent which was exerted on a small audience (under ten I believe) who were largely apathetic. This play focuses on the mysterious "dark lady" which is found in many of Shakespeare's sonnets, and appeals, I admit, to a select and eccentric audience of English students and historians. But the larger theme of the play, that of government funding for the arts, struck home.

I thought to myself, how many students actually know we have a theatre on campus? And if so, how many would attend, instead of the usual fare of economy beer and decibels at the Blind Duck?

One scene in the play features Shakespeare and the Queen discussing the Puritans closure of the theatres in London.

The Queen says she would rather shut down the theatres, which spawn vice and immorality, than challenge the Commons. And I thought to myself again should ECSU fund the theater when we have more important events to look at such as the Battle of the Bands?

Should ECSU allot a slice of their impending monies next year, the result of a $2.50 increase in student fees, to the theatre? It seems that few here at Erindale would want to swap their Saturday night pubbin' or clubbin' or crawling to see a play. Few here it seems want to see Michael Booth don a sixteenth century costume, and play William Shakespeare with incredible talent and enthusiasm. And this fact I believe is why the theatre, here at Erindale, will not recieve any financial assistance to purchase a much needed sound system, or to even paint the podium on which the array of mismatched chairs waits for an audience.

I admit even I thought I could have been somewhere else when Elizabeth, played by Susan Inkersell, forgot her lines this past Saturday night. But it was theatre, Erindale does have artists, and I wanted to be there. And this college does appreciate the arts in Mississauga, if the arts can be found.

So if you scientists and future business men, and women (pardon my sexist gaffaw) can rip yourselves away from your rat dissections and computations go out this week and see some theatre. Go! Go! flock to the theatre and see Dark Lady of the Sonnets, and be cleansed. And you immortals in the ECSU shrine - think about the arts...the arts, so that your offspring and descendants might know who William, the immortal Bill, Shakespeare was.

Tickets for this play can be found at the theatre, in the North Building and even in the South Building.

The darkness of apartheid

by-Anna Porczynski

On Thursday, March 9, there opened a comedy at its blackest - *Black Mass* by Edward Bond. An anti-apartheid play, it addresses oppression in general, questioning humanity, religion and leadership. The Erindale Theatre production, though sometimes shakey, nevertheless made an admirable effort in dealing with a sensitive issue.

The plot is straightforward, despite the complexities that lie behind it. During a Catholic mass celebration, the prime minister of South Africa, equally disinterested in the outside rioting of natives as he is in the Holy Sacrament of Communion, is poisoned by a sadly observing Christ. Upon discovery, the Son of God is ousted from His House, and is replaced by government figure heads.

The large and looming "presence" of Michael Booth as Jesus Christ is the first that strikes attention. In silence, Booth manages to draw the audience's focus from the words and wit of the players. Although this might comment on Booth's personal talents, it fails to work for the play as a whole. The stark and moving representation of Christ on the Cross detracts from the efforts of the remaining cast.

Also interesting is the textured layering effect accomplished through various sound and visual images. The shrill sounds of rioting, the piercing gunshots followed by silence, and the poignant figure of Christ add an element of unrest to the play and emphasize its complexities. The result is an uneasy audience, both intrigued by the play and wishing for its completion.

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PRESS
Erindale College Student Voice

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF ROUND II

Due to the highly unusual stalemate as a result of last week's tied election, a second vote will be held in conjunction with Section Editor elections this Friday March 17. Polls open 10:00 am-5:00 pm.

If everyone votes the deadlock WILL be broken.

All proxies must be delivered in writing to CRO Steve Satchel *no later than* Wednesday March 15 at 5:00 pm

NOTICE OF ELECTIONS

SECTION EDITORS

FORUM: Wednesday at noon
Bring your difficult questions

ELECTION: Friday March 17
Polls open between 10:00 am and 5:00 pm

ELIGIBLE VOTERS

The following individuals have contributed to half of the issues in either term this year and are thuis eligible to vote:

Steve Satchel, Bruce Seago, Greg Lowes, Norman Saunders, Maura Crowther, Steve Szigeti, Finn Lovsted, Darin Griffiths, Brian Grabarcyzk, Brian Lacy, Paul Vanderhelm, Todd kyle, Dana Warmington, Simona Scheffer, Rhonda Marley, Michelle Basic, Paul Paradine, James Gilbert, David Ryckman, DeeDee McCullough, Lisa Gregori, Stive Farranato, John Kajin, Darlene Durrant, Alex Debona, Brian Procter, Dwayne James, Jennifer Salazar, Ian Thornton.

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FEATURE

Illiterate? Read On, Macduff...

by Carol Bisnath

"Illiteracy shuts certain people out of society," declares Erindale Principal Desmond Morton, who is an active supporter of the Literacy Movement in Canada.

Terming himself a social democrat, Erindale's principal states that liberty and equality should constitute the foundation for freedom of choices for all members of society.

Morton hints at the easy victimization of the unskilled that can result in a sense of enslavement to others' decisions.

The Southam News Literacy Survey taken in 1987 is documented proof that illiteracy is a problem in Canada. Among other things, it found that the personal income of literates is 44% more than that reported by illiterates.

Over 300 hours were spent interviewing 2 398 adults across Canada, and the results were shocking.

Potential danger exists for the 5 000 000 Canadian illiterates, of which:

• 10% cannot understand the dosage directions on a medicine bottle;

• 20% cannot correctly select a fact from a simple newspaper article;

• 40% cannot figure out the tip on a lunch bill;

• more than 50% have serious troubles using bus schedules;

• and nearly 60% misinterpret the key section of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms concerning equality.

These figures have not decreased to any significant extent since the Southam Survey was first released.

Last November's federal election is a case in point, states Heather Hufton, Director of Education at the Peel Literacy Guild in Mississauga.

"To accomodate the increased flux of adult learners who want to know about the election and voting procedure," Hufton says, "we put together a learning kit."

Why should the Peel Guild and other such literacy centres feel forced to simplify election forms, tax returns and insurance forms for the general public?

At a structural level, the Plain Language Centre (PLC) is combatting the Government's bad habit of creating public documents which are needlessly complex.

"People want to understand the legal documents they sign and the forms they fill out", says the librarian at the PLC.

The Centre advocates that reform must be made at a legislative level in order for any real progress in the field of literacy to occur.

As their documentation explains: "Knowledge of the law is basic because the impact of law on out lives — like the impact of literate culture even upon the lives of those who are themselves illiterate — is inescapable."

Hufton states that the education system focuses primarily on mental learners or the *British formula* — memory work — an approach to learning which often intimidates and mentally stunts students.

In a similar manner, the Canadian Law Information Council (CLIC) accuses the government of catering to a specific small portion of society.

In its thirteen year history, CLIC has managed to pass plain language legislation in nearly every province, ranging from Alberta's revised Motor Vehicle Act in plain language, to Ontario's simplified transportation publications.

Gail Dykstra, Director of Education at CLIC, predicts that plain language is beneficial to all strata of society: "Canadian businesses and governments will save millions of dollars a year if the language in their legal forms is changed so everyone can understand it."

Scarborough Campus Publicity Dept.

Eight per cent of university graduates in Canada are functionally illiterate according to the Southam survey.

What it Takes to Function

All kinds of literacies are required for daily life. We have computer literacy, cultural literacy, humane literacy, geographical literacy, civic literacy, survival literacy, employment literacy, elective literacy, citizenship literacy, and numeracy - being literate about numbers.

The Southam survey in 1987 defined ten things a person should be able to do in order to be fully functionally literate, that is, to get by in today's society. Altogether there were forty questions on the survey.

If you get two answers of the ten basic ones wrong, you're marginal, but still literate. Three wrong of the essential ten and you're functionally illiterate.

The ten items required a person to:

• Read and understand the right dosage from an ordinary bottle of cough syrup (10% of adult Canadians can't);

• From six road signs, pick out which one warns of a traffic light ahead (13% can't);

• Figure out the change from $3 if you ordered a soup and sandwich (33% can't);

• Sign your name in the correct spot on a social insurance card (11% can't);

• Circle the expiry date on a driver's licence (6% can't);

• Answer four questions about a meeting arrangement, including the date, time and people involved (between 15 and 17% can't);

• Circle the long distance charges on a telephone bill (29% can't).

A sample question on the charter of rights appears on the opposite page. Good luck. What percentage of Supreme Court judges themselves would agree on the meaning of any section of the charter?

By the way, eight per cent of university grads were judged to be functionally illiterate by the survey.

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Canada

Five Million Canadians Would Flunk the Test

by Carol Bisnath

An estimated five million Canadians would be judged functionally illiterate if every Canadian were to take the Southam Literacy Survey. Yet there are so few organizations to help these people.

The Canadian Law Information Council (CLIC) is an organization of lawyers and government officials that tries to improve public access to legal information.

CLIC created the Plain Language Centre in March of 1988 with the objectives of writing more simplified versions of complex legislation, and of instructing companies how to write their own employee instruction manuals more clearly.

This law council does not deal directly with individuals, where instruction is provided on a one-to-one level.

Instead, CLIC has decided to fight the issue at a structural level - advocating that changes must be made at the only source which has true power in Canada - the government.

Why the need for plain language legislation anyway? Gail Dykstra, Director of Public Legal Education at CLIC, provides some staggering statistics.

- 25% of Canadians are functionally illiterate
- 90% of Canadians feel insecure about their knowledge of the Canadian system of justice.
- 41% of Canadians have a hard time reading legal and official (such as income tax forms, voting pamphlets, and banking forms
- 50% of government publications can only be read and *understood* by people who went to university.

CLIC's own proven track record is impressive.

Its experience in public legal education and indexing Canadian statutes has provided a wealth of accessible legal information. They have also emphasized the public's need to understand documents which are essentially meant for them, the need to apply government and business publications to everyday life.

With representatives from the Canadian Bar Association, law schools, law libraries, law deans, and the Uniform Law Conference, it is easy to see why CLIC has thus far achieved so many legislative reforms throughout Canada.

"Adult literacy in Canada is a serious social and economic problem which is being largely ignored," according to the 1985 Macdonald Royal Commission into illiteracy.

In September of 1987, one million dollars was all that Secretary of State, David Crombie, managed to salvage for literacy. This was in spite of the fact that the 1986 Throne Speech in Ottawa promised to "ensure Canadians access to literacy skills."

A few government members have realized that illiteracy in Canada is rising at an alarming rate. The occasional voice has cried out for a federal-provincial conference on this problem, yet it too has never been realized.

Why?

Because Ottawa feels that it should not be paying for provincial errors in the education system.

To add to this mishandling of a pertinent issue, the Cabinet went one step further and abolished the BLADE (Basic Literacy for Adult Development) programme.

The programme resembled a *do-it-yourself* literacy course involving fill in the blanks and other methods of teaching without a human teacher standing nearby - an innovative and successful idea because students could work at their own pace.

However, as the federal government and the provinces started squabbling over who should be responsible for this literacy project, BLADE disappeared.

Times must be changing.

Now this social problem has taken a giant leap into stardom. The reason for this change of attitude has been a $295 000 survey conducted by Southam News in 1987.

"Southam decided that there was a direct co-relation between the levels of literacy in this country and the sales of their newspapers," explains one journalist, Mary Ann Prychoda.

Whatever Southam's motivation might have been, the survey itself has been instrumental in the Conservative government's establishment of a new Literacy Secretariat - through which the $110 million can be filtered over the space of the next five years.

Following in Southam's footsteps, the Canadian Business Task Force on Literacy, composed of various business organizations, put out a survey of their own.

The result: survey statistics showed that illiteracy costs Canadian businesses approximately four billion dollars per annum in lost productivity, training costs, unemployment payments, and industrial accidents.

President of the Business Task Force on Literacy and *Maclean's* associate publisher, Paul Jones, warns that it is imperative for employers to perceive indications of illiteracy in the workplace.

Two years ago union leaders were fighting to get literacy classes and teaching instructors added to company contract and benefit plants.

The Ontario Federation of Labour itself has this year successfully implemented a literacy and bilingual programme in unionized workplaces.

According to one source, society - not schools - is to blame for the increasing Canadian illiteracy rate.

Not so, says Frank Smith, a writer and literacy lecturer who feels that a school environment restricts the learning process. "Schools aren't good places for learning."

Kids spend "most of time filling in blanks and answering stupid questions when they have read stupid stories."

He recommends peer study groups, where students can learn at a comfortable pace, without the intimidating presence of teachers.

In a similar manner of adapting teaching methods to the way people learn, Heather Hufton, Education Officer of the Peel Literacy Guild separates learners into three categories: mental, relationer, and physical.

Mental learners follow the British tradition of memory-work in the classroom.

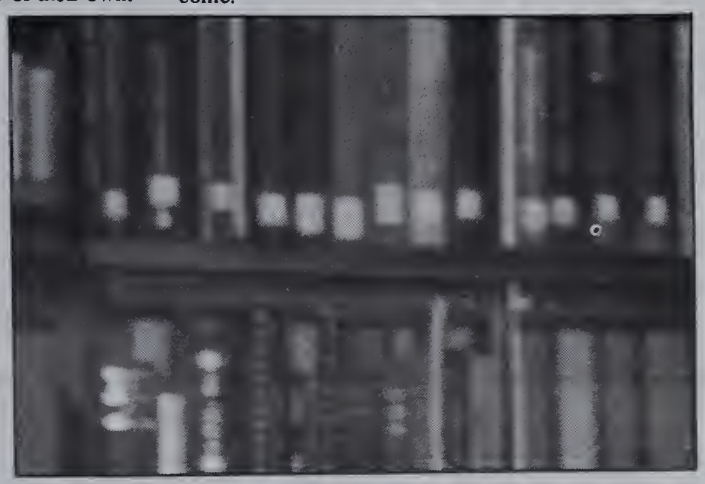
In North America, the tendency is towards relationer learning, whereby group activity is encouraged in the education system.

Physical learners use physical involvement and hands-on experience as the norm for instruction.

Hufton feels that stronger emphasis should be placed on relationer-type teaching, since the mental or British approach is outdated.

A 1985 Toronto Board of Education study found that a Grade 12 student in Metro Toronto reads less than a blue-collar worker: 41% of Grade 12 students spend half an hour (or less) per night studying; 75% spend less than three-quarters of an hour.

Wherever the problem might lie, all sides agree on one thing. Illiteracy in Canada is an issue whose time has come.



The evidence is that people who read a lot also watch television a lot.

The Peel Literacy Guild was formed in January, 1981, with its primary objective being to assist adults (15 years and over) with the basics in literacy skills - reading, writing, spelling, comprehension, and expression.

Although this is a community based, non-profit programme which offers free tutorial services, its limited budget curbs progress.

Heather Hufton hopes that the newly sparked interest in literacy in Canada will result in more much-needed funding for programmes.

Over 150 tutors meet with students on a regular basis, teaching *survival* skills such as using TV guides, cookbooks, catalogues, packages, and job application forms.

More recently, the tutors were called upon to decipher voting documents from last year's election.

The Guild came up with a Learning Kit for students; a thirteen page pamphlet consisting of diagrams of Federal government functions, step-by-step visual information on each stage in the electoral process, fill in the blank exercises, and crosswords.

Read the Fine Print, eh

Charter of Rights and Freedoms

(Section 15)

Every individual is equal before and under the law and has the right to the equal protection and equal benefit of the law without discrimination and, in particular, without discrimination based on race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, age or mental or physical disability.

Question 1: Which of these two statements best summarizes what this section is trying to say?

A. Everyone is equal in Canada.

B. The law in Canada cannot favor one person over another.

Only 39 per cent correctly picked B.

Question 2: Mark any words in the section which spell out the kinds of inequal legal treatment that are not allowed in Canada.

The correct answer would be to underline any or all of the words from "without discrimination" on to the end of the paragraph. Fifty-four per cent answered correctly.

medium II

SPORTS

Will the Untouchables win the championship?

by Moe Emanon, Dave Oh and Darrin Griffiths

Punjab Horsemen versus Jimmy and the B's.

The Punjab Horsemen bowed out to Jimmy and the B's in two games straight.

The first game saw the Horseman take an early lead but the B's fought back. Horsemen's Beau Jandu contributed two assists to the attack.

The Horsemen had numerous powerplay opportunities as the B's racked up twenty-six minutes in penalties. They were unable to capitilise however, and the game remained close.

The turning point in the game for the B's was when they went on a five minute power play. Paolo Cornacchi scored two power play goals to pace the B's to a 4-2 win.

The second game was marred by a large amount of penalties. Five players were ejected in this exciting game. The Horsemen could not overcome the B's and they subsequently lost 4-3. Asim Iqubal scored twice and Beau Jandu had two points for the Horsemen. B's Paolo Cornacchia scored twice and Rino Perruzza scored the winner.

668 NOB versus Douster's Monsters

NOB, the team that eliminated the Monsters, took on the top team in the B division, The Dirty Dogs. The Dogs had a bye in the first round and showed their rust early; Mark Chan put a pass on Brian Brooks' stick; 1-0 NOB. Then John Tomzak made it 2-0 on a pass from Kevin Fernandes and Sean Wisz.

The Dogs growled back on two goals by Ron Stratigopoulos. Brian Brooks then scored on a penalty shot to make it 3-2 for the NOB.

The Dogs tied the score on a goal by Dennis Dermit. With only seconds left on the clock, the Dogs received a too-many-men penalty. While enjoying a two on one advantage in overtime, Brian Brooks completed his hat trick to end it.

Game two went into a shoot out in a 1-1 score. Dogs' goal was by Ron Stratigopoulos and Mark Chan replied for NOB. In the shootout, which NOB won 2-1, Brian Brooks and Brad Dykeman scored to seal the Dogs' fate. NOB is in the finals.

The Untouchables versus the Chiefs

Dave Oh claimed that if the Chiefs came out flat, the series would be over early. The Chiefs, however, were determined to prove Oh wrong as Don "Para" Troup netted his first of the series. The Untouchables roared back with goals by Kosi "Geology is my life" Sivansankarn and Stive "I want to play the Sheep bad" Farranato to lead 2-1 at the end of the first period. The Untouchables came out pumped in the second period with Joe "Video Man" Nigro, Glenn "William Lyon" McKenzie "King", and Adriano "Ron the Con" Mirabelli.

The Chiefs would not be denied as Mark Cassar scored twice in three seconds while short-handed to make the game close again. Later in the game the Chiefs enjoyed a two man advantage but could not net the goal which would have sent the game into overtime; final score 5-4 for the Untouchables.

The score in game two was 3-1 but the score was not indicative of the game. The score could easily have been 10-1 had it not been for Brent "Wolf Man" Kilner. The first two goals of the game were scored by Joe Nigro. He was quoted as saying, "Anyone could have done it if they followed my video 'the Quick Release and You'. "

Jeff Lindasy replied for the Chiefs on a beautiful shot off Lino's glove and down Pat's back into the net.

The Untouchables dominated the play from that point on and put the game away as Murray Mirabelli made a pretzel out of Kilner before "slipping it home." Once again, the Untouchable's goalie Pat Hatzis came through in the clutch and proved Oh wrong by only allowing one goal to maintain his league-leading goals against average.

Lunatic Fringe versus the Screaming Sheep

This was a hockey game that shocked the nation: women and children were weeping; the Campus Police were handing in their flashlights.

The much favoured Lunatic Fringe succumbed to the energy and enthusiasm of the Screaming Sheep for the first time this year. It served as a sign of what was to come.

The Sheep, once again, are this years Cinderella story. In their first two seasons at Erindale, the Sheep were winless in 14 games. They won their fifteenth game, their first every victory, against the unforgettable Khadaffy Ducks. Obviously the Sheep had a long range plan in mind, and this year has seen them peak.

Led by Rookie Paul "Starman" Nasato who scored twice and added one assist, the Sheep came out strong, scoring early and often.

Other key players were Dave "nature boy" Derksen and Mark "little shop of" Horodenzny who each added a goal and an assist. Pushing the Sheep to the six goal total was Pete "Pelican" Skov. The Fringe's only reply came courtesy of Dave "Hunky" Doorey, assisted by Darrin "pure energy" Griffiths. Despite the low score, the Fringe had many chances but failed to capitalize thanks to the spectacular goal tending of John "combustible" Huxtable. This win put them one up on the Fringe in the best two out of three series.

The second game was much closer than the first game. The Fringe opened up the scoring with goals by Pete Tomasetti and Dave Cassar.

But the Sheep fought back with powerplay goals by Paul Nasato and Dave Mezgec. Mezgec scored his second goal of the game to give the Sheep their first lead.

With two minutes left however, Fringe's Keith Warren tied the score 3-3. The overtime could not decide the winner; and penalty shots were taken.

The Sheep, before hundreds of their fans, outscored the Fringe 3-2 and subsequently won the game 6-5. The Sheep won the series as Griff predicted in two games. Dave Oh's jersey was retired after the game.

THE BETTING LINE

Untouchables versus the Screaming Sheep. Oh says the Sheep in two due to their superior coaching ability. Moe says his heart and soul are with the Sheep but statistics favor the Untouchables. Moe, however, is betting with his heart and he is taking the Sheep in three barnburners. Griff says that Farranato will play most of the game and the Sheep had better have Nasato checking him. Mike Morosin is counting on the massive fan support of the Sheep to propel them past the Untouchables. The Sheep will have to watch out for Marco Berardi who plays similar to Rob Brown of the Penguins. Berardi, who is usually the recipient of Farranato's passes, will score a lot this series. The bottom line is the Untouchables have been in the finals the three previous years and this is their last chance at the championship. The Sheep's defense is based on the theory of , "don't worry about the horse being blind-just load the cart," and will provide the Untouchable forwards with their toughest opposition of the season.

Jimmy and theB's over 668 NOBin three. Look for Paolo Cornacchia to continue his torrid scoring spree against NOB. Also look for a strong game by Guilio Nichilo and Ayaz Jafri. Brian Brooks must play a strong game if the NOB hope to pull an upset in this series. Griff says take the NOB in three. Moe could not give a shit. Oh, now in retirement, says that Jimmy should win easily.

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This week's features are:
7 pm: Elvira: Mistress of the Dark
9 pm.: Poltergeist III

medium II

SPORTS

University of Toronto Blues do well in figure skating

by Nicole Maurer

The University of Toronto Figure Skating Club, coached by Debbi McCloskey, skated to an outstanding third-place finish at this year's finals in Waterloo. Queens finished first and Western finished second in the competition that featured nine universities.

The third-place finish improves on the Blues' record from last year at the finals when they finished sixth.

The Blues also placed third this season at both the invitationals held by Queens and by York.

At the finals, the Blues carried a full team for the first time in many years, and they were able to enter skaters in all of the seventeen categories.

On the first day they started out strong with Donna Graham finishing first in the Seniors Singles and Tina Chen, Leanne Caron, Sara Ramahaw and Mary-Lynn Fulton placing second in the Formation Fourteen Step.

The second day's intense competition's results were as follows: Tina Chen, 3rd Senior A Singles, Alison Brown and Janet Currie, second in Junior Similar Pairs, Leanna Caron and Tean Chen, first in Senior Similar Dance.

In a hard driven fight the Blues also placed second in Team Isolated Moves which consisted of six different elements which were executed by: Kiersten Lo, Gaynor Roger, Louise Neale, Sara Ramahaw, Leanna Caron and Nicole Maurer.

The University of Toronto Blues should now be considered a top contender for the next years.

Sports Shorts

The instruction programme for this term is coming to a close, with the exception of fitness classes. Regularly scheduled fitness classes will end March 23.

They will be offering classes every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at noon, beginning March 27 until April 14.

Register in advance for these classes in the Athletic Office. Details posted on the Athletic bulletin boards.

Warriors lose first game of finals

by Das Boot

The Division I Men's hockey team lost its first game of the finals to Scarborough 4-3. The game was plagued by the usual poor refereeing by Bob "the nob" Notepad.

Erindale lead 1-0 on a goal by Mike "Navy Boy" Esser. Scarborough quickly tied the score up, and then they scored again to take the lead. But Erindale rebounded with a goal by Steve Yakimoff.

Scarborough took the lead again by scoring a couple of "cheap" goals.

John Mrozek brought the Warriors close but they could not get the tying goal.

On March 17...

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